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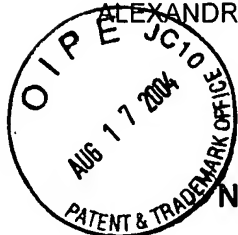
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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted***Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:**

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
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  - Numbers, letters, and reference characters on the drawings must measure at least 0.32 cm (1/8 inch) in height. See Figure(s) 1.
- This application does not contain a statement that the content of the sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written (on paper or compact disc) sequence listing and, where applicable, includes no new matter, as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e), 1.821(f), 1.821(g), 1.825(b), or 1.825(d). Applicant must provide such statement. If the effective filing date is on or after September 8, 2000, see the final rulemaking notice published in the Federal Register at 65 FR 54604 (September 8, 2000) and 1238 OG 145 (September 19, 2000).

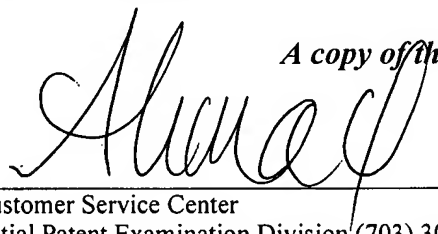
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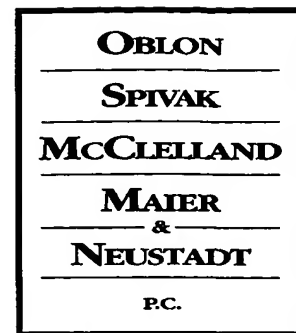
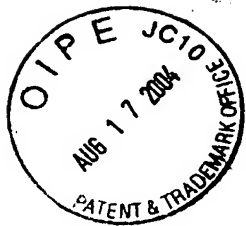
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**THIS IS A RESPONSE TO A  
NOTICE TO FILE MISSING  
PARTS OF AN APPLICATION**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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Re: Inventor: Tsuyoshi SATO, et al.  
Serial No: 10/820,712  
Filed: April 9, 2004  
For: ALKALINE PROTEASE

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Notice to File Missing Parts (Return Copy); Filing of Declaration; Declaration (executed; 4 pp.); Preliminary Amendment; Sequence Listing (Paper; 42 pp.); Computer-Readable Sequence Listing (Diskette); Letter Submitting Replacement Drawing Sheets; Replacement Drawings 7 Sheets

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event that any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 CFR 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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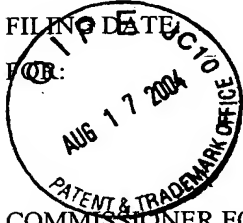
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**FILING OF DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(f)**

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SIR:

Responsive to the notification dated June 17, 2004, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53(f), Applicants submit herewith a Rule 63 Declaration. The required fee was paid at the time of filing the application.

The Declaration enclosed herewith contains the Title of the Invention and Inventor(s) name(s) and is believed, in combination with the application serial number and filing date contained in this cover letter, to adequately identify the above-identified application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.63, as set forth in MPEP Section 601.01.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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**LETTER SUBMITTING REPLACEMENT DRAWING SHEET(S)**

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Responsive to the below indicated communication, the following drawing sheets are submitted herewith:

- ☒ 7 Replacement Drawing Sheets ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ New Drawing Sheets
- ☐ Official Action dated \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Notice of Allowance/Issue Fee dated \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ Other Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated June 17, 2004

The changes and/or modifications made include the following:

Submitted herewith are the corrected Replacement Sheets as requested

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